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Our Case No. 9281-3969

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yasuji Hagiwara et al.

Serial No. 09/819,273

Filing Date: March 28, 2001

For: Character Input Apparatus

Examiner: Vincent Kovalick

Group Art Unit No.: 2673

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 1, lines 9-11 as follows:

The character input apparatus has been used for various electronic apparatuses such as personal computers, portable phones, and game machines.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 23 and ending on page 2, line 10 as follows:

(Amended) The portable phone is used as a means for communication with other persons, and communication is carried not only by means of voice but also by means of character. In the case of communication by means of character, characters are entered

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Inventor(s) Yasuji Hagiwara et al.			
Title of Invention CHARACTER INPUT APPARATUS			

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Amendment (9pp. including Appendix A) and PTO Reply Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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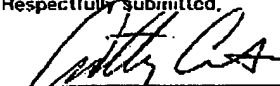
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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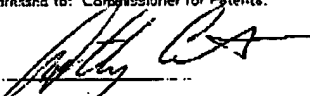
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Re U.S. Application Serial No. 09/819,273  
"Character Input Apparatus"  
Attorney Docket No. 9281-3969

Examiner Kovlick:

Per our phone conversation, attached is the Amendment and corresponding transmittals filed March 26, 2003 for the above-referenced application.

Very truly yours,

Anthony P. Curtis, Ph.D.

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